

## Fruit Outlook in Niagara District

**F**RUIT prospects throughout the Niagara district are promising. The season is later than usual, but no reports of serious damage to any crop are heard. Everything, at this date, indicates that crops in all lines will be a full average. The following reports from leading centres in the district speak for themselves:

### ST. CATHARINES

Never in my recollection has the country looked better than at present. This, possibly, is due to the fact that all varieties of fruit appeared to come into bloom at nearly the same time, and what came in first hung on the trees well. We have had favorable weather for the setting. On the nights of May 19 and 20 we had a close call from frost. The thermometer registered 30°, making 2° of frost, but no injury of any kind was caused and the weather has again turned warm.

Early tomatoes are planted out in many instances and looking well, and the late plants are coming along finely. Strawberries just com-

mencing to bloom and promise a fine crop, as they have wintered well. In many of the fields the plants are rather thin, owing to the depredations of the white grub last season. Pears and apples are very full of bloom. Yellow-fleshed varieties of peaches have a medium show of blossoms.—Robt. Thompson.

### JORDAN STATION

Strawberries are in full bloom; about two weeks later than usual, and the plants have made less growth than usual, which, to me, indicates a light and late crop. Raspberries and currants and all other varieties of fruit at this time are promising a full crop, yet in many of them it is too early to give any definite expression as to the final outcome.—C. M. Honsberger.

### BURLINGTON

Strawberries probably will be a little below an average crop and possibly the season will be a little later than last year, which began about June 18. Raspberries will be an average yield, and with more acreage there ought to be a plentiful supply of this fruit. Other small fruits will not vary much from last year's figures.—The Burlington Canning Co., Ltd.

### ESSEX COUNTY

A report from Leamington is as follows: "The fruit outlook is good. Peaches promise a

full crop; cherries very good; pears, also good; strawberries, full of blossom and in some favored spots berries are now  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter. Plums show a full crop, apples now in full bloom.—E. E. Adams.

## Pointers on Transportation

In an address delivered at a meeting of fruit growers in the Niagara district, Mr. P. J. Carey, D.F.I., Toronto, pointed out a few particulars in which the facilities for transporting fruit to the N.-W. may be improved. The railway companies should make special fruit runs to North Bay, say twice a week, and these specials should be scheduled to connect with the fast freight that regularly runs from North Bay to Winnipeg—this scheduled connection should allow plenty of time for re-icing. Five days should be the maximum time from points in Ontario to Winnipeg.

Shippers should bear in mind that the greater the number of cars in a shipment the better the treatment received at the hands of the transportation companies. The question of icing and re-icing is important. Mr. Carey found on one occasion, when accompanying a shipment to the west, the bunkers only three-quarters full immediately after re-icing—a serious matter.

According to the experience of the St. Catharines Cold Storage and Forwarding Co., it is better to cool the fruit before it is put in the

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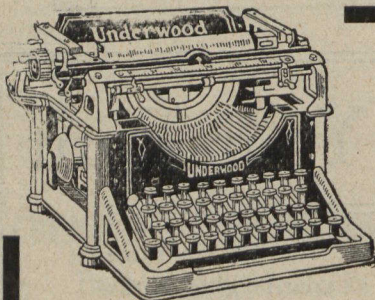
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